Field of the Invention

This application relates generally to defect management and address translation in disc drives and more particularly to seamless defect management conversion for a disc drive.

Background of the Invention

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This preliminary amendment is responsive to a Notice of Omitted Items in a Nonprovisional Application mailed July 10, 2001. The Notice indicated that page 1 of the specification was missing. The Title was included in the Declaration and on the application cover sheet in the original filing papers. The Section of the specification entitled Cross Reference to Related Applications that refers to the provisional application is added to refer to the provisional application referred to in the Declaration. The section entitled Field of the Invention and section title Background of the Invention have been added to clarify the subject matter on renumbered page 1. All of these changes are made to incorporate formality material inadvertently omitted from the originally filed specification and do not introduce new matter. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be required.

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